



PATENT
Attorney's Docket No. 203947

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that

This declaration is of the following type:

- ☐ original ☐ design ☐ supplemental
☐ national stage of PCT
☐ divisional ☒ continuation ☐ continuation-in-part

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first, and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

MOP AND MOP COMPONENTS

the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.
☒ was filed on February 28, 2000, as Application No. 09/514,711, and was amended on _____ (*if applicable*).
☐ was filed by Express Mail No. _____ as Application No. not known yet, and was amended on _____ (*if applicable*).
☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (*if any*).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119		
			YES		NO
			YES		NO
			YES		NO
			YES		NO

I hereby claim the benefit pursuant to Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of the following United States provisional application(s):

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PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS CLAIMING THE BENEFIT UNDER 35 USC 119(e)	
APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING
60/057,088	22 Aug. 1997

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S. FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 USC 120					
U.S. APPLICATIONS			Status (check one)		
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4. PCT/US98/00637	15 Jan. 1998			X	
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DETAILS OF FOREIGN APPLICATIONS FROM WHICH PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119 FOR ABOVE LISTED U.S./PCT APPLICATIONS				
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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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information and belief are believed to be true, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false
statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of
the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any
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**PATENT**
Attorney Docket No. 203947**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Specht et al.

Art Unit: Unassigned

Application No. 09/514,711

Examiner: Unassigned

Filed: February 24, 2000

For: MOPS AND MOP COMPONENTS

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231**DECLARATION OF TIMOTHY MOLEK**

I, Timothy Molek, declare as follows:

1. I am an officer of Freudenberg Household Products LP ("Freudenberg").
Freudenberg is the owner by assignment of the present invention and of the present patent application.
2. I am making this Declaration based on my first-hand knowledge.
3. The present application is based on a prior U.S. provisional application filed in August of 1997 – almost three years ago. The predecessor-in-interest to the assignee of the present application was a company named M.B. Walton, Inc. It is my understanding that M.B. Walton, Inc. employed Mr. Specht and Mr. Wagner, the two inventors named in the subject application, as consultants.
4. M.B. Walton, Inc. is no longer in existence, but its day-to-day business operations and assets have been transferred to Freudenberg.
5. Since the date of such transfer, Mr. Wagner has not been employed as a consultant by M.B. Walton or by Freudenberg.

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6. At the request of Freudenberg's attorney, Allen E. Hoover, I attempted to contact Mr. Wagner to obtain his signature for the Declaration. These efforts were unsuccessful.

7. Specifically, I obtained information that Mr. Wagner had moved from his Tripp Avenue address. I further was advised that Mr. Wagner had moved out of state; however, I was unable to learn which state he had moved to.

8. Given that Mr. Wagner has apparently moved out of state, I attempted to contact his employer. When I contacted this company, I learned that Mr. Wagner was no longer employed by the company.

9. A representative of Mr. Wagner's former employer advised that he did not have the whereabouts of Mr. Wagner. The only information concerning Mr. Wagner that this representative could give me was Mr. Wagner's last known telephone number.

10. On two occasions I attempted to contact Mr. Wagner at the telephone number that had been provided. In each case, I received an answering machine or voice mailbox. The mailbox did not identify the person who the number was assigned to, but merely instructed me to leave a message.

11. Each time I called I left a message for Mr. Wagner to return the call. In neither instance did anyone ever call back.

12. Consequently, I was not able to determine whether this number belongs to Mr. Wagner or someone else. I have never been able to locate Mr. Wagner and, at present, I have no idea of his whereabouts.

13. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that

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these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date:

7.26.00

By:



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